



HYAMPOM ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

California Forest Highway 114, Hyampom Road
Shasta-Trinity National Forest
Trinity County, California

Summer 2005

Comprehensive Environmental Analysis

We do listen to your comments. Several individuals from the communities of Hyampom and Hayfork have expressed an interest in Trinity County and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) developing a comprehensive environmental analysis of the Hyampom Road project. There are two environmental analyses being conducted on this project: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which covers the Federal side, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which covers the State side. Recently, the FHWA and Trinity County decided to evaluate Segments 2, 3, 4 and 5 in one NEPA environmental document (an Environmental Assessment [EA]).

At present, although the project will create impacts to human and natural environment, the FHWA is not anticipating that any will rise to the level of "significant" as defined by NEPA. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the environmental findings when the EA is published in winter 2005, and another public meeting will be held at that time.

The CEQA documentation will remain separate from the NEPA document. Segment 1 will not be receiving any federal funds, and therefore it is not evaluated under NEPA. Trinity County certified the CEQA Negative Declaration for Segment 1 in September 2001. Also, Trinity County completed a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in compliance with CEQA for Segment 3 in 2003. This leaves a separate EIR for Segments 2, 4, and 5 which should be completed by Trinity County in 2006. The information in the NEPA and CEQA documents is the same, although the format and emphasis is different under each law.

Funding Changes the Anticipated Construction Schedule, Except for Segment 5

As illustrated in the schedule below, the FHWA is maintaining their anticipated construction start of Spring 2007 for Segment 5, the narrowest segment on Hyampom Road. So while the environmental review schedule has changed, the construction schedule for Segment 5 has not. However, construction of Segment 2 and portions of Segment 4 have been delayed until 2010 because of recent adjustments in the federal funding schedule. Similarly, Trinity County faces some uncertainties in their construction schedules for Segments 1 and 3. Currently, Segment 1 is planned to be constructed in late fall 2005 or summer 2006, and Segment 3 is planned for 2007 and 2008 construction seasons. These schedules are still subject to change.

Hyampom Road Schedule	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Public Scoping											
NEPA Environmental Analysis											
Segment 2, 3, 4 & 5											
Public Review											
Public Meeting											
Decision Document											
Construction											
Segment 1											
Segment 5 & some of Segment 4											
Segment 3											
Segment 2 & remainder of Segment 4											



Public meetings



TRINITY COUNTY



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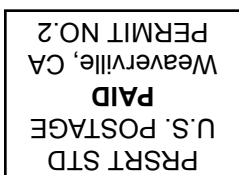
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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at:

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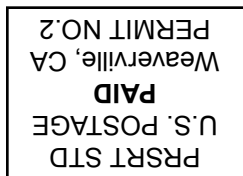
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